



# South Capitol Street Gateway and Improvement Study

## Kick-Off Meeting User's Guide

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Date: October 17, 2002  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Location: Van Ness Elementary School  
1150 5<sup>th</sup> Street S.E.

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# South Capitol Street Gateway and Improvement Study Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Agenda

**Open House**            **6:30**  
Sign in  
View Maps & Study Materials

**Introduction**            **6:50**  
Welcome  
Meeting Purpose  
Ground Rules

Don Edwards, Justice & Sustainability Associates

**Presentation**            **7:00**  
Project Introduction & Overview

John Deatrick, DC Department of Transportation  
Uwe Brandes, DC Office of Planning  
Phil Braum, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Questions and Answers

Don Edwards

**Project Discussion**    **7:45**  
Review & Comment

**Conclusion**            **8:25**  
Adjourn/Next Meeting

Hadijah Jordan, Justice & Sustainability Associates



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## Project Team

Senior Representative	Agency/Department	Project Role/Discipline
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Uwe Brandes	DC Office of Planning	Project Partner
Phil Braum	Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas	Lead Consultant Planning & Engineering
Don Edwards	Justice & Sustainability Associates, LLC	Consultant Public Participation



# South Capitol Street Gateway and Improvement Study

## Draft Study Vision & Purpose

### Draft Study Vision

The study has as its ultimate vision the creation of a grand and lively urban boulevard serving the neighborhoods, District of Columbia, the capital region, and the nation as the principal gateway to the U.S. Capitol, the Anacostia waterfront, and the Southwest, Southeast, and Buzzard Point neighborhoods.

### Study Purpose

- Provide a balanced, sustainable, multimodal transportation network that knits the neighborhood together and handles commuters with minimal impact on the surrounding neighborhoods;
- Transform the South Capitol Street Corridor into a significant gateway to the Nation's Capital, one that serves the District, the region and visitors from the nation and the world;
- Create a great urban boulevard in the tradition of Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Support the development of a new mixed-use employment corridor, benefiting existing residents and providing transportation support for a diversity of new housing and economic development activities;
- Provide better access to waterfront areas on both sides of the river, including Poplar Point and Buzzard Point, and better serve Historic Anacostia, Near Southeast, and Southwest Neighborhoods;
- Enhance the vitality and safety of the District's roads and the neighborhoods around them by creating great places and destinations for pedestrians and bicyclists;
- Tie into and support the planning efforts of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative;
- By achieving a high level of public involvement in the study, gain public buy in and engage the public in the implementation of the study recommendations.



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## Congressional Direction

From the FY 2002 DOT appropriations conference report:

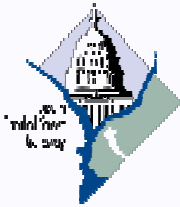
South Capitol Gateway. - The Secretary, in cooperation with the District of Columbia Department of Planning, the District of Columbia National Capitol Revitalization Commission, and the Department of Interior and in consultation with the National Capital Planning Commission and other interested parties, shall conduct a study of methods to make improvements to promote commercial, recreational and residential activities and to improve pedestrian and vehicular access on South Capitol Street and the Frederick Douglass Bridge between Independence Avenue and the Suitland Parkway, and on New Jersey Avenue between Independence Avenue and M Street Southeast. Not later than September 20, 2003, the Secretary shall transmit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a report containing the results of the study with an assessment of the impacts (including environmental, aesthetic, economic, and historical impacts) associated with the implementation of each of the methods examined under the study.



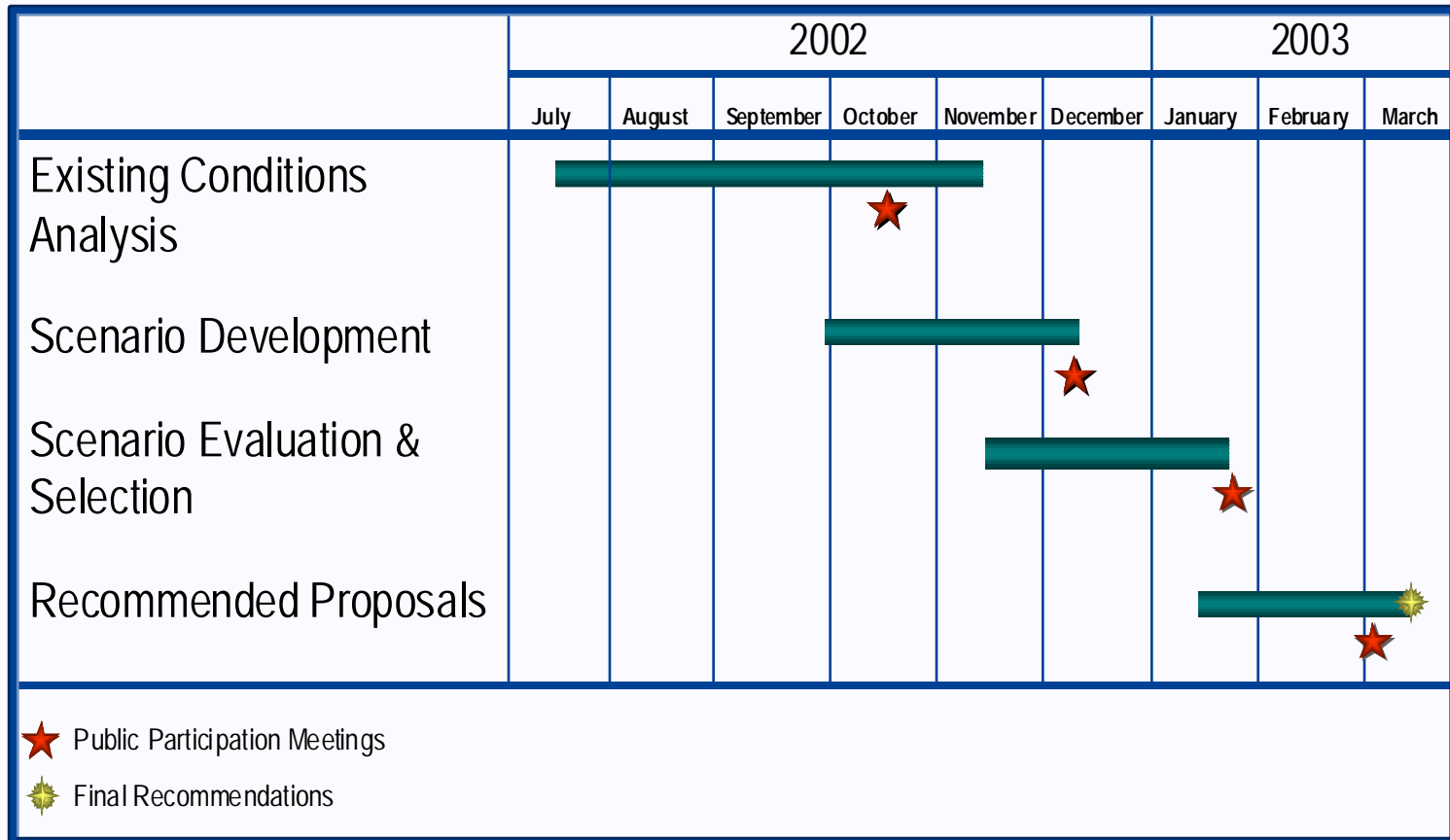
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## Study Team

- District Department of Transportation
- District of Columbia Office of Planning
- Community Representatives
- Interagency Coordinating Committee
  - District Department of Transportation
  - DC Office of Planning
  - ANC 6B
  - ANC 2D
  - ANC 8A
  - Federal Highway Administration
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - National Capital Planning Commission
  - Architect of the Capitol
  - Commission of Fine Arts
  - National Park Service
  - United States Navy
  - United States Coast Guard
  - United States Army Corps of Engineers
  - Fort Myer Military Community
  - Maryland Department of Transportation
  - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
  - DC Department of Parks and Recreation
  - DC Department of Housing and Community Development
  - DC Water and Sewer Authority
  - DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
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- Consultants
  - Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc.
  - Justice & Sustainability Associates, LLC
  - Franck Lohsen McCreary, Architects
  - Joseph Passonneau (invited)



# SOUTH CAPITOL STREET GATEWAY --- SCHEDULE





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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: Why is my participation in this study important?**

**A:** As a person who lives, works, drives, or even just walks along or near South Capitol Street, you have an opinion that matters in making plans for its future. You can help identify problems and give ideas for solutions. You can also help create a clear vision to guide change along the corridor.

**Q: Will there be other South Capitol Street study public meetings?**

**A:** Yes. Currently, three more public meetings are scheduled. The second meeting is scheduled for December 2002. The third and fourth meetings are scheduled for January 2003 and March 2003.

**Q: Do I have to wait for the next meeting to be updated on the progress of the study?**

**A:** No. An interactive website exists that has the following features:

- Extensive information on the South Capitol Street study such as all public meeting user guides and summaries, key contact information, maps of the study area, and brief descriptions of other projects relevant to the study.
- A public discussion forum where you can post questions, comments and engage in a virtual dialogue about the project and the process.
- Calendar of Events – with dates, times and locations of public meetings, and walking tours.

The web address is [www.publicspace.justicesustainability.com](http://www.publicspace.justicesustainability.com)



**Q: Are there other ways I can participate?**

**A:** Yes. You can fax your comments to 202-610-4471 or leave a voice message at 202-610-0005



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## Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan Summary

Below is a summary of priorities excerpted from SNAP plans for the neighborhood clusters relevant to the South Capitol Street study area:

### **Revitalize Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Good Hope Road—Including a Transportation Plan**

- The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has budgeted \$7 million in local funds for the *ReStore DC* neighborhood commercial revitalization program.
- DDOT will work with the neighborhood to identify the need for streetscape improvements to support Anacostia Town Center development.
- DDOT will conduct a traffic and parking study and explore policies related to municipal parking facilities.
- The Office of Planning (OP) and DDOT are coordinating the Mayor's Task Force on Transit-Oriented Development.
- OP will complete Anacostia Waterfront Plan for Poplar Point area and will coordinate implementation with agencies.
- DDOT will resurface and/or repair damaged sidewalks, streets and alleys.

### **Enforce Traffic, Parking and Tour Bus Regulations and Develop Transportation Solutions**

- DDOT will explore strategies for increasing residential parking including Residential Parking Permit hours, reducing intersection restrictions, etc.
- DDOT is currently conducting a study of future light rail lines. The entire process, including construction, takes approximately 12 years.

### **Address Transportation Issues in Neighborhood**

- DDOT will install and/or conduct system upgrades to lighting on streets and alleys identified in persistent problem areas.

- DDOT will extend the traffic study at Suitland Parkway and Howard Road to include Fort Stanton area to increase traffic flow and traffic calming alternatives.



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## Other Related Studies

### District of Columbia Department of Transportation

- *A Transportation Vision, Strategy, and Action Plan for the Nation's Capital*, 1997
- *District of Columbia Transit Development Plan*, 2002

### District of Columbia Office of Planning

- Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAP) for Clusters 9,27 and 37

### Anacostia Waterfront Initiative

- *Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Framework Plan*, in development
- *Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Near Southeast Target Area Plan*, in development
- *Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Poplar Point Target Area Plan*, in development
- *Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Southwest Target Area Plan*, in development

### National Capital Planning Commission

- *Extending the Legacy, Planning America's Capital for the 21st Century*, 1997
- *Memorials and Museums Master Plan*, September, 2001
- South Capitol Street Urban Design Study, in development

### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

- *Regional Bus Study*, 2002



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## Your Ideas

Use the space below to write about your biggest transportation problems and then the things you appreciate most about transportation around South Capitol Street. Hand in this completed sheet to a project staff member. You may also fax it to 202-610-4471.

My biggest problem(s) with transportation around South Capitol Street are

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The things I appreciate most about transportation around South Capitol Street are

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## Kick-Off Meeting Evaluation Form

1) How would you rate today's Kick-Off Meeting, overall?

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) How would you rate the presentation by John Deatrick, Uwe Brandes, and Phil Braum?

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) How would you rate the Review & Comment portion of the meeting?

Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4) Any additional comments?

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5) How did you hear about today's meeting?

newspaper ad flyer      postcard      meeting announcement      other:

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